CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 18, 2018 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Patricia Torres of the Salvation Army gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
Councilmember Boysen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Councilmember Jack Boysen, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Etta Waterfield, and Mayor Alice Patino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Gilbert Trujillo, Director of Human Resources and Records Jayne Anderson, Fire Chief Leonard Champion, Chief of Police Phillip Hansen, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, City Librarian Mary Housel, Principal Civil Engineer Rodger Olds, Director of Recreation and Parks Alex Posada, Assistant City Attorney Philip Sinco, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Public Information Manager Mark van de Kamp, Assistant City Manager Patrick Wiemiller, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Garietz

1. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. The City Council acknowledged award winners of the 22nd Annual "Lights, Sights, and Holiday Nights Holiday Decoration Contest" and extend its appreciation to all other community members for their participation. 2018 Winners were:

Best Decorated Rookie Resident:
Goldin Family (437 E. Camino Colegio)

Simply Christmas Award Winner:
Ortega Family (1937 Ybarra Avenue)

Norman Rockwell Award Winner:
Batterson Family (520 Mariott Road)

Clark Griswold Award Winner:
Nicholas Family (1947 Trinity Drive)

Neighborhood Spirit Award Winner:
2442, 2445, 2423, 2498 Wailea Court

Holiday Hall of Fame:
Hindle Family (1030 Cortez Drive)
Melena Family (515 North Lucas Drive)
Gomez Family (405 S. Palisade Drive)
Carcarey Family (407 Pam Court)
Vea Family (476 S. Palisade Drive)
Bernard Family (228 South Linda Drive)
Côté Family (1048 Granada Street)
Cardona Family (2040 Lassen Drive)
Urquhart Family (1026 Butterfly Court)
Michael B. Clayton (400 E. Orange Street)

B. **RETIREMENT RESOLUTION FOR CITY ATTORNEY GILBERT "GIL" TRUJILLO.**

Action: Adopt a Resolution commending City Attorney, Gilbert "Gil" Trujillo for his 16 years of dedicated service.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Boysen.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-143. 5-0.

City Attorney Trujillo thanked the City Council, and current and past City Managers. He also acknowledged his wife of 30 years, Elizabeth, thanking her for supporting his time working with the City of Santa Maria.

Each member of the City Council expressed their thanks for Mr. Trujillo's service and for his counsel.

C. **RETIREMENT RESOLUTION FOR SERGEANT STEVE LOPEZ.**

Action: Adopt a Resolution commending Sergeant Steven E. Lopez for his 25 years of dedicated service.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-144. 5-0.

Sergeant Lopez thanked the City Council and the Police Department noting that he had made many friends, including those in other departments, throughout the years.

Police Chief Hansen commented on Sergeant Lopez's professionalism and recounted some of his responsibilities over the years.

D. **CERTIFICATE OF CANVASS OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.** The City Council considered adopting a resolution reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on November 6, 2018, in conjunction with the Statewide General Election and accepting the County Clerk-Recorders' certificate of the results of the official canvass; and follow standard procedures to reorganize the City Council. Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz gave the presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

On November 6, 2018, the City of Santa Maria held its first by-district General Municipal Election electing one member of the City Council in each of the newly formed District 3 and District 4. Additionally, the City Council placed a ballot measure before the voters known as Measure U2018, Public Safety/Essential Services. The election was consolidated with the Statewide General Election conducted by the County of Santa Barbara.

The County Clerk-Recorder had 30 days following the election to complete the ballot count and certify the election results. The results were certified on December 6, 2018, and received by the City Clerk's Office via email.

The certified election results confirmed that Gloria Soto was elected to the City Council in the newly formed District 3 to serve a four-year term; and Etta Waterfield was re-elected to the City Council to serve in the newly formed District 4 for a four-year term.

The certified election results also confirmed that there was resounding support for the public safety/essential services measure with 74 percent of the City's voters voting Yes.

Ms. Garietz closed her comments saying that the City Council needed to adopt a Resolution accepting the County Clerk-Recorder's certification of the election prior to the installation of the newly elected officers.

Action: Adopt a Resolution reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on November 6, 2018, in conjunction with the Statewide General Election, and accepting the County Clerk-Recorder's certificate of the results of the official canvass.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.

E. **PROCLAMATION FOR OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBER BOYSEN.**

Mayor Patino read and presented Councilmember Boysen with a Proclamation commending him for his dedicated service and valuable contributions to the Santa Maria community, and wishing him, his wife Kathy, and his family, well in their future endeavors.

Each member of the City Council thanked Councilmember Boysen for his service and the contributions he made while serving on the City Council.

In his parting statement, Councilmember Boysen thanked his wife of 45 years, Kathy, and several supporters from the community. He recommended that the Council continue to focus on water issues, affordable housing, and homelessness issues.

Councilmember Boysen stepped down from the dais and left the Chambers at 6:16 p.m.

F. **SWEARING-IN OF THE RE-ELECTED OFFICER.** Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz administered the Oath of Office to City Councilmember for District 4, Etta Waterfield, who was accompanied by her husband, Buck. Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz also presented her with a Certificate of Election.

Councilmember Waterfield returned to the dais and thanked the voters for their support and commented on community friendships she had made over the past 33 years since moving to Santa Maria.

G. **SWEARING-IN OF THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICER.** Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmember for District 3, Gloria Soto, accompanied by her niece, Lucy. Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz also presented her with a Certificate of Election.

Councilmember Soto took her seat at the dais. She thanked the voters for their vote and promised that, even though the election was over, the work was just beginning.

H. Mayor Patino called for a short recess for a reception to recognize the elected officers at 6:30 p.m.

RECONVENE
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Gloria Soto, Councilmember Etta Waterfield, and Mayor Alice Patino.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Elvia Salazar congratulated Councilmember Soto on being elected to the City Council.

Sara Macdonald announced she was attending the meeting as an observer for the League of Women Voters, and welcomed Ms. Soto to her new position.

Virginia Souza, representing Buena Vista Beautifiers, welcomed Ms. Soto to her new seat on the City Council and thanked her for representing the 3rd District and Buena Vista Park.

Esther Jensen, representing the North Santa Barbara County Manufactured Homeowners Association, congratulated Ms. Soto and Ms. Waterfield on their election, and asked that enforceable manufactured home rent stabilization be on the City Council agenda in the coming year.

Susan Parmelee, representing Casa Del Rio mobile home park, thanked the City Council for their help (particularly Councilmember Boysen) cleaning up after the birds in their park.

Randy Houston requested cameras at intersections to try to deter drivers from running red lights. He also suggested a BBQ festival in the City to help promote the City.

Willie Mueller, representing Rancho Maria Gardens Condo Association, expressed concern about homeless people sleeping in the condo carports and storage units. She asked that the City help to alleviate the problem.

Lupita Rios spoke about her experience working with Ms. Soto on her campaign and wished her well.

David Dennis spoke about how the Councilmembers represent the City at-large despite being elected by district, and explained a little about the goal of district elections.

City Manager Stilwell commented that staff planned to bring forward red light enforcement as part of Measure U expenditures.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR
Councilmember Soto indicated that she would be abstaining from voting on Item No. 3B (Minutes from the December 4th Council Meeting) as she was not present during the meeting.

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3K (excluding Item 3B) were approved by one motion, and included Resolution Nos. 2018-146, 2018-147, 2018-148, 2018-149, 2018-150, 2018-151, and 2018-152. The vote appears with the item.

Consent Calendar Item 3B (Minutes) was approved by one motion. The vote appears with the item.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings were waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of December 4, 2018.

Action: Minutes were approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Abstain: Councilmember Soto. 4-0

C. Adopt a Resolution authorizing salary adjustments for limited service and part-time employees resulting from a State minimum wage change and the updated City of Santa Maria salary schematic.

Action: Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-146.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

D. Adopt a Resolution cancelling the regular City Council meeting scheduled on January 1, 2019.

Action: Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-148.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

E. Adopt a Resolution approving a correction to a recent amendment to the City of Santa Maria's California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) contract.

Action: Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-147
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Adopt a Resolution approving a determination of public convenience for the issuance of a Type 20 (Off-Sale Beer & Wine) alcoholic beverage license for the existing Battles Market located at 1614 S. McClelland Street.

Action: Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-149.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

H. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

I. Adopt a Resolution approving and confirming a report of weed abatement for assessment purposes; and directing the Chief Deputy City Clerk to notify the County Auditor Controller's Office of the parcel numbers and amounts due for collection on property tax bills.

Action: Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-150.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

J. Adopt a Resolution awarding Bid No. 2018/03, Depot Street Alley Improvement Project, to CalPortland Company, Inc., in the amount of $199,596.32.

Action: Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-151.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

K. Adopt a Resolution approving a 30 percent credit against the City of Santa Maria Subdivision In-Lieu fee for the Villa del Sol 197-unit senior apartment project located in the Blosser Southwest Specific Plan.

Action: Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-152.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM.** The City Council entertained nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term. (City Manager)

City Manager Stilwell explained the process for appointing the Mayor Pro Tem. Historically, the assignment of Mayor Pro Tem has been rotated amongst Councilmembers on an annual basis each calendar year. There was no formal policy as to how the selection of the Mayor Pro Tem was made. The Municipal Code was silent in this regard. The only guidance comes from the California Government Code Section 36801 which the City Council shall meet at the meeting at which the declaration of the election results for a general municipal election is made choose one of its number as Mayor (for those cities who do not directly elect their Mayor), and one of its number as Mayor Pro Tempore.

The duties of the Mayor Pro Tem include acting on behalf of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence. The Mayor Pro Tem presides at City Council meetings when the Mayor is absent. The Mayor Pro Tem also fills in for the Mayor at various community functions and meetings when the Mayor is unavailable.

On December 19, 2017, Mayor Patino nominated, and the Council ratified, Councilmember Waterfield to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for calendar year 2018. The Mayor would again consider nominating a Councilmember to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for calendar year 2019. Mayor Patino makes her nomination and the City Council ratifies the appointment.

Action: Ratification of the Mayor's nomination for Mayor Pro Tem for calendar year 2019.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. Councilmember Moats was appointed Mayor Pro Tem for the 2019 calendar year. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council Meeting would be January 15, 2019. Items on the agenda would include the Annual January Board/Commission appointments; the appointments of Councilmembers to outside Boards/Committees; a community outreach fireworks update; a public hearing for the Downtown Streetscape Plan; and retirement resolutions for Recreation & Parks staff members Teresa Reyburn and Jim Davis.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a funders collaborative meeting for Home for Good and officiated the ceremony for Ike Simas' passing.

Councilmember Moats reported he attended a Humane Society lunch fundraiser.

Councilmember Waterfield reported she attended a funders collaborative meeting for Home for Good; a LAFCO meeting; a Salute to Veterans luncheon; and toured Victory Outreach.

Councilmember Soto reported she attended the Veterans Freedom Monument Memorial event; the League of Women Voters Annual Christmas brunch; and the CAUSE annual holiday celebration, along with one other non-profit's holiday celebration.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the funders collaborative meeting for Home for Good; a meeting with the City's Lobbyist from Washington D.C.; a community meeting on fireworks; the Veterans Freedom Monument Memorial event; the League of Women Voters Annual Christmas party; a meeting with the Teen Advisory Board at Pioneer High School; a meeting with Peter Adam regarding State water; the funeral for Ike Simas; and the LCAP Collaboration Steering Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on January 15, 2019.

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria